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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—76.0 degrees.
Minimum Temperature—70.0 degrees.
Maximum Temperature—83.0 degrees.
Barometer—29.95 at 9 p. m.
Rainfall—.01 2 inches.
Mean Dew Point for the Day—68.9.
Mean Relative Humidity—64.

WINDS.

Wind North-east, 2 to 3.
Forecast for Today:
Clear and unsettled; showers on different parts of the island.

The Salvation Army has nearly one thousand famine orphans in its homes in India. This is practical Christianity.

From the itinerary of the trip published, the Shriners of San Francisco, who are going to make a pilgrimage to Madam Pele's shrine in the oasis of Hawaii, the travelers across the desert wastes of the Pacific will not lack for amusement while traveling.

What is the Territory to get out of the granting of water rights to private corporations? Is it not time that some protection should be thrown around the interests of the whole people as well as around those of a favored private corporation?

Expert Corcoran will find that all the troubles with the telephone plant here do not lie with the wires and the switchboard. If he could substitute iron automatons to take the place of the ignorant, careless and impudent operators in the central office he would bring joy to a long suffering people. Corcoran, do try to make this improvement and you shall have a monument in Honolulu, with inscriptions in kanaka, German, Portuguese and English.

The accuracy and rapidity with which the dispatches from the front in China have been received in this country is due in large measure to the foresight of Admiral Remy in detailing an officer for this special duty. Lieut. J. L. Latimer, U. S. N., of the U. S. F. S. Brooklyn is the officer whose detail has been of so much use to our forces in China, and it is due to this officer to say that his most arduous duties have been carried out with much success.

Members of the board of education as well as all others in public office in this territory must disabuse their minds of the idea that public business can be conducted in executive session. There is no act by the board of health, or any other body in this territory, as the result of an order by an executive session, that will stand the test in law. Executive sessions went in the days of the monarchy and the subsequent oligarchy, but they are contrary to American laws and American precedent and the sooner they are made tabu in this baby territory the better.

Why should school houses be used for political meetings unless in isolated country districts where the school house is the only public building in the district, and even then its use for such purposes is to be deprecated? Hawaii cannot afford to have her schools made the adjunct to any political party and the school board makes a mistake in allowing school houses or school grounds in this city to be used for political meetings. The school houses and grounds are for all the people and for the training of the young on educational lines. Keep politics and political meetings out of them.

Will Davis, a California newspaper man, has been summering in Eldorado county, that state, and at Kelsey, a community of less than one hundred souls, where Edwin Markham, author of "The Man with the Hoe," at one time taught school. A Miss Murphy, who was one of Markham's pupils, says: "Markham was regarded as quite an ordinary person while he taught school at Kelsey fifteen or more years ago. I have heard here also that Markham has Indian blood in his veins. People who know him hereabouts say he was a very handsome man, having raven black hair and beard and black, piercing eyes. The fact that he was of part Indian blood is said to have been the reason that his first wife—a Miss Cox—left him. I got this information from a perfectly reliable source."

Special and carefully elaborated instructions have been sent out to all of the naval surgeons attached to the ships operating on the Chinese coast for the collection of such sanitary data

and information as may be of value to the surgeon general in providing for the medical attendance of the enlisted personnel in future operations in that part of the world, says the Army and Navy Journal. Up to the present time but little attention has been given to the effects of climate and food upon our unacclimated men in China, but it is felt that the time has arrived when such information should be collected and elaborated for the benefit of the future. No inconsiderable amount of this information is already in the possession of the bureau of medicine and surgery, but the disconnected nature of the data renders its uses of problematical value.

HIGH TIME FOR A CHANGE.

The arrival of a telephone expert on the Australia is hailed with delight by every resident of the city. If the expert will only get out and talk with the subscribers to the Honolulu telephone system he will soon find that the service afforded here has been the most miserable ever known. One of the things patrons of the system earnestly hope will be remedied at once is the terrible pounding in the ear place every time an attempt is made to use the telephone. This rattle or pounding is at times severe enough to injure a person's ear drum and has been the cause of more profanity and damning of the telephone company than all other causes.

Another fault that the management of the company can easily rectify without the aid of an expert is greater promptness in answering patrons' calls and greater diligence on the part of operators in trying to secure the connection asked for. A few nights ago a member of The Republican staff tried to call up the office from his house, and after waiting fully fifteen minutes was greeted with the remark, "I can't get them." At this he became wrath and demanded connection made at once, knowing that no less than a dozen people were at work in the office at that very moment, two of them within ten feet of the telephone. Then central wanted to know if he wanted the Grill. This, too, in the face of the fact that the office number had been repeated over and over again, and finally in desperation, the name of the office given as plainly as an English-speaking person could give it. At last connection with the office was secured, but the operator was quite indignant because he had been compelled to wake up sufficiently to attend to his duties.

This is only one of hundreds of such instances in the experience of this office alone, not to mention other subscribers. It is no uncommon thing for a reporter on this paper, out on duty, to try to call up the office in the afternoon and be told that no one answers, when at that very moment one or more members of the staff are in the office, a part of their duty being the answering of telephone calls. The fact is that no effort is made on the part of the operator to make the connection asked for.

However, the company now promises a change and improvements in its service and every one is disposed to give them ample opportunity to make the much needed improvements. If they do not make the changes but try to go on fooling the people, as vigorous measures as those adopted by the merchants of Seattle to effect reform in the telephone service in that city will certainly be adopted here.

"THE GOVERNMENT" BOSH.

What's the use of public bodies constantly referring to "the government," when they only mean the Territory? Hawaii is no longer a sovereign power; its "government" is wholly dependent upon the pleasure of the president and the congress of the United States. "The government" in Hawaii is the government at Washington. Why parrot-like repeat the style of the monarchy and the republic? The "government physician" is simply a Territorial physician. Even the surgeons of the marine service and of the army would not call themselves "government physicians." The whole business will be confusing to readers in the States; they will wonder what the deuce a "government physician" is, anyway. The frequent "executive meetings" of the various branches of the Territorial administration will also be stunnings to them. Secret meetings of public bodies are looked upon with suspicion on the mainland. Public officials who must resort to dark lantern methods are usually in business that wouldn't look well in the light of day. That's the theory of voters everywhere.

Following out the plan earnestly urged by The Republican following the annual visit of the board of health to Molokai in July, a double fence with wire screen at the top, the two lines of fences set two feet apart, has been erected at the landing at Kalaupapa for the purpose of segregating visitors and lepers. Under this system Superintendent Reynolds recommends that visitors be allowed to go to the settlement on regular steamers plying between Honolulu and Kalaupapa, as there can be no contact of lepers and visitors. While this subject had long been discussed by various members of the board of health, it was not until The

Republican took up the subject and pointed out the evils of the old system that anything was ever done. For this good work, Messrs. Members of the Board of Health, many thanks.

REAR ADMIRAL SICARD.

Rear Admiral Montgomery Sicard, who died at his country home near Rome, N. Y., September 14, had a brilliant record as a naval officer, although to the younger generation he was almost unknown. He was in command of the North Atlantic squadron stationed at Key West at the time of the blowing up of the Maine in February, 1898, but owing to sickness was relieved of his command shortly previous to the declaration of war against Spain. During the Spanish war he was a member of the naval strategy board at Washington.

Admiral Sicard was born in New York, September 30, 1836, and appointed to the Naval academy October 1, 1851. On November 4, 1858, he was promoted to master and commissioned a lieutenant in 1861. He took an active part in the bombardment and passage of Fort Jackson and St. Philip and Chalmette batteries and their destruction April 24, 1862. He received his commission as lieutenant commander on July 16, 1862, and in 1870 he was made a commander. While in this grade he had command of the Saginaw in the Pacific fleet; served on ordnance duty at New York and Washington; had command of the steam sloop Swatara in 1878 and in 1880 was ordnance inspector at the Boston yard.

In 1881 he was made captain and was chief of the bureau of ordnance from 1882 to 1890. He commanded the Miantonomah from 1892 to 1893, and in January, 1894, took charge of the Portsmouth yard. He was made commodore in July, 1894, and in November of that year took charge of the Brooklyn naval station. In April, 1896, he became rear admiral and was assigned to the command of the North Atlantic squadron. He was retired in September, 1898.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu will fall into line with the rest of the American cities in extending a helping hand to stricken Galveston. At yesterday's meeting a committee consisting of J. B. Atherton, C. M. Cooke and Robert Lewers was appointed to secure subscriptions for the Galveston storm sufferers. All the banks of the city were also declared depositories, where donations to the fund may be left. Whatever our people may mean to do should be done quickly, as a draft for Honolulu's aid will be sent by the Australia on Tuesday. It is to be hoped that the remittance may be a liberal sized one, in keeping with the wealth and famed generosity of the city and the great needs of the heavily stricken city on the Gulf of Mexico.

Consul Marshal Halstead at Birmingham has undoubtedly done the women of America a service by warning them that they will have difficulty in buying satisfactory hosiery in England. Their English sisters, he says, are accustomed to wearing hose without much shape, and are satisfied with lengths that reach only to the knee. Side garters, he adds, are little known or used, though a few of the better class stores now keep the "velvet clasp," but there is positively no shaping for foot or ankle. Such interesting information illustrates the broad scope and value of our consular reports. It might not be insolent to ask the clever son of Murat Halstead how he gained so familiar a knowledge of the English women's lingerie?

AFFAIRS IN HAWAII.

What Rev. Mr. Kincaid Says of Conditions There.

(From Minneapolis Journal, Sept. 2.)
Rev. William M. Kincaid of Honolulu, former pastor of Andrew Presbyterian church, is in Minneapolis again this week, the guest of President Northrup of the university. Mr. Kincaid says that while the natives accept the American government, they are not reconciled to it and are slow to adopt American forms of living. They attend their own churches and the few who at first formed associations with the American churches there are now leaving them. Mormonism, Dr. Kincaid says, is steadily gaining a foothold and the number of believers in the faith will reach over 6,000. Polygamy, however, is not allowed. At present the situation is rather unsettled and out of the chaos there is an opportunity for the triumph of our forms of religion, and good work is being done by American missionaries.

Shark-Eating Shark of Kinsale.
(From the Cork Constitution.)

The other morning when the fishermen from the Kinsale were hauling their nets they found an enormous blue shark entangled, measuring ten feet three inches long, having three rows of formidable teeth. On dissection its stomach was found to contain three blue sharks, each four feet long. One was partly digested, another was cut clean in two and the third was swallowed whole.

What About This?

(From the Honolulu Independent.)
There was a very fine "hula" last night at which the performers appeared in the costume worn by Mother Eve before the fall. The police tried to locate the place of the celebration but failed. The managers of the affair pocketed \$250, most of which came from the United States transport.

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